

Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC)

Minutes

March 5, 2014

Members Present

Janelle Lewis, Chair
Jennifer Allen
Tho Vinh Bah
Ray Ceragioli
Lisa Davidson
David Forderer (Tel)
Connie Lapin
April Lopez

Members Absent

Feda Almaliti

Others Attending

Mark Polit (Staff)
Robert Philips (Staff)
Chris Arroyo (Staff)
Anastasia Bacigalupo (Staff) (Tel)
George McElory (Parent) (Tel)

1. CALL TO Order

Chairperson Lewis Called the meeting to order at 10.05 AM

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

A quorum was established

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members introduced themselves.

4. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 14, 2014 MINUTES

David Forderer Moved and April Lopez seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Motion Passed (5-0-2).

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

6. MEMBER REPORTS

Members gave reports of their activities.

7. LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Mark presented the committee's working draft of the Legislative Platform, which had been revised based on member discussion from the previous meeting. He included a new section for committee review on provider rates. The committee made further changes to incorporate.

Lisa Davidson moved and April Lopez seconded to recommend the Legislative Platform as amended to the full Council. The motion passed 7-0-0.

8. LEGISLATION

A.-Status of Bills with Council Position – Mark Polit reviewed the status of bills.

B. AB 1089 (Calderon) – Mark reported that the author is still in discussions with committee staff and the opposition. Tho Vinh Banh suggested that we invite Brian Capra from Public Counsel Law Center, a sponsor of the legislation, to present to the committee at the next meeting. Tho Vinh and Mark will make those arrangements.

C. SB 579 (Berryhill), Commission on Oversight of Regional Center Services. Mark reported that the sponsors will be reviewing this bill in late May, prior to hearing in June. They will consider our proposed amendments at that time.

D. AB 1335 (Maienschein), sentencing of sex offenders. No action was taken.

E. AB 1626 (Maienschein), Supported Employment rate increase.

Connie Lapin moved and Jennifer Allen seconded to recommend that the Council support AB 1626. The motion passed 7-0-0.

9. CO-PAY/DEDUCTIBLES FOR IPPSERVICES

Janelle Lewis and Mark Polit reported on the March 4 hearing by Senator Steinberg on SB 946 implementation. Mark presented AB 2299 (Nazarian) and stated that Autism Speaks is sponsoring that bill and that they asked if the Council would be willing to co-sponsor. Mark stated that the language

of the bill is not ready, but the intent is to require regional centers to pay all co-pays, co-insurance and deductibles for services covered by the consumer or family insurance and authorized by the IPP/IFSP. Tho Vinh was concerned that we not agree to sponsor the bill until we see the language. There was discussion, and Mark assured the committee that staff would ensure the intent of the bill is reflected in the language.

Ray Ceragioli moved and David Forderer seconded to recommend that the Council be a co-sponsor of AB 2299 (Nazarian).

10. PARENTAL FEE

Mark Polit presented a table that compared the parental fee schedule from before 2009 to current and compared it to inflation. The table also showed what a 4% cap would be and a 6% and 8% cap. The 8% cap ran close to the pre-2009 rate schedule adjusted for inflation. Mark told the committee that Assemblymember Eggman's office had asked if the Council would support a request to the Joint Committee on Audits for the Bureau of State Audits to review the DDS implementation of the parental fee program. The committee declined to take action on that request.

David Forderer moved and ray Ceragioli seconded to table the discussion on parental fees. The motion passed 7-0-0.

11. LONGTERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

This agenda item was addressed through the legislative platform, agenda item 7.

10. PLANNING FOR NEXT MEETING

Next LPPC meeting to be held on April 9, 2014 from 10 AM to 3 PM. The LPPC will include the state budget as a standing agenda item. The next meeting will address SB 1428 (Evans) on SDC land use.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Lewis adjourned the meeting at 2:58 PM.